

# Eastspring Investments Unit Trusts – Singapore Select Bond Fund



A member of Prudential plc (UK) 

RATINGS<sup>AA</sup> Class A Morningstar Overall Rating<sup>\*</sup> ★★★★★

## FUND DETAILS

Fund size (mil)	971.4
Fund base currency	SGD
Fund dealing frequency	Daily
Net asset value (Class A)	SGD 1.322
ISIN (Class A)	SG9999007454
Inception date (Class A)	08-Apr-11
Benchmark (BM)	Markit iBoxx ALBI Singapore Index

## FUND MEASURES

3 year tracking error(%) (Class A)	0.8
3 year sharpe ratio (Class A)	0.9
3 year volatility(%) (Class A)	3.0

Source: Morningstar

## SECTOR WEIGHTS (%)

Treasury	23.9
Banking	18.0
Other REIT	16.4
Foreign agencies	16.0
Other financial institutions	4.7
Other industry	3.3
Life insurance	2.2
Diversified manufacturing	1.6
Other sectors	11.7
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2

Due to rounding, the allocation table may not add up to 100% or may be negative.

## COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)

Singapore	61.6
China	9.7
Australia	6.6
United Kingdom	3.5
Germany	3.0
Korea	2.6
Malaysia	2.0
Hong Kong	1.6
Other countries	7.2
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2

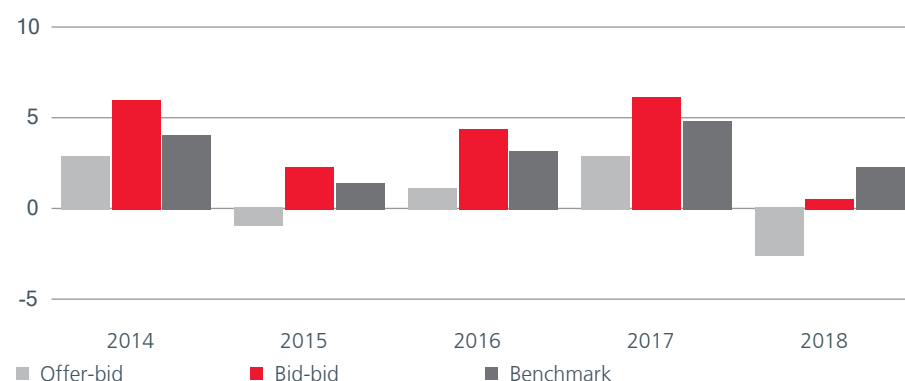
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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Eastspring Investments Unit Trusts - Singapore Select Bond Fund aims to maximise total returns over time by investing primarily in Singapore-dollar denominated debt securities and foreign currency debt securities which will be hedged back into Singapore Dollars.

## PERFORMANCE

Calendar year returns (%) (Class A)



Returns (%)

Class A	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a.)	5 y (p.a.)	10 y (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Offer-bid	-1.4	-1.1	-2.6	-2.6	2.5	3.1	-	3.3
Bid-bid	1.7	2.0	0.5	0.5	3.5	3.7	-	3.7
Benchmark	2.0	3.0	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.0	-	2.7

(p.a.): per annum. Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Calendar year returns are based on the share class performance for the year, and if the share class was incepted during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of the share class since its inception to the end of that calendar year. For full details, please refer to the performance disclosure.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

1.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	3.5%	03/01/2027	4.8
2.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	2.75%	03/01/2046	3.5
3.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	3.375%	09/01/2033	3.2
4.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	2.25%	08/01/2036	2.8
5.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	2.875%	09/01/2030	2.6
6.	SINGAPORE (REPUBLIC OF)	2.75%	04/01/2042	2.1
7.	CAPITALAND LTD	2.8%	06/08/2025	1.5
8.	WESTPAC BANKING CORP	4%	08/12/2027	1.4
9.	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	4.4%	01/23/2026	1.3
10.	COMMERZBANK AG	4.2%	09/18/2028	1.3

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### RATINGS (%)

AAA	26.0
AA	1.9
A	12.7
BBB	33.8
Non-Rated	23.4
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2

Credit ratings by S&P/Moody's/Fitch.

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### MATURITY (%)

0 - 1 year	3.3
1 - 3 years	16.4
3 - 5 years	23.1
5 - 10 years	34.4
10+ years	20.6
Cash and cash equivalents	2.2

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### RELEVANT CLASS DETAILS

Class	Currency	Net asset value	Bloomberg ticker	ISIN	Inception date	Subscription method	Initial sales charges% (max)	Annual management fee % (Current)
<b>A</b>	SGD	1.322	PRUSSBD SP	SG9999007454	08-Apr-11	Cash, CPFIS-OA#, CPFIS-SA#, SRS	5.000 CPF - 1.50	0.500
<b>A<sub>D</sub></b>	SGD	1.045	ESSSBAD SP	SG9999007462	09-Nov-12	Cash, CPFIS-OA#, CPFIS-SA#, SRS	5.000 CPF - 1.50	0.500
<b>I</b>	SGD	1.023	ESISSBI SP	SG9999017107	07-Mar-18	Cash	5.000	0.350

Class	Currency	Annual admin fee% (max)	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment	Distribution frequency	Ex-date	Dividend per unit
<b>A</b>	SGD	Nil	SGD 1,000	SGD 100	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>A<sub>D</sub></b>	SGD	Nil	SGD 1,000	SGD 100	Quarterly	02-Jan-19	0.0167504
<b>I</b>	SGD	Nil	SGD 10 Mil	SGD 1,000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Distributions are not guaranteed. Distributions may be paid out of distributable income, capital or both. Important Notes: (i) Payment of distributions out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment; and (ii) Any distributions involving payment out of the Fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per unit. "N.A." means that the relevant class does not distribute dividends.

### Returns (%)

Class / currency	Returns (%)								Calendar year returns (%)				
	1 m	3 m	YTD	1 y	3 y (p.a.)	5 y (p.a.)	10 y (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>A / SGD</b>													
Offer-bid	-1.4	-1.1	-2.6	-2.6	2.5	3.1	-	3.3	-2.6	2.8	1.1	-0.8	2.7
Bid-bid	1.7	2.0	0.5	0.5	3.5	3.7	-	3.7	0.5	6.0	4.2	2.2	5.9
Benchmark	2.0	3.0	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.0	-	2.7	2.1	4.7	3.1	1.3	4.0
<b>A<sub>D</sub> / SGD</b>													
Offer-bid	-1.3	-1.1	-2.5	-2.5	2.5	3.1	-	2.3	-2.5	2.6	1.2	-0.9	2.8
Bid-bid	1.8	2.0	0.5	0.5	3.5	3.7	-	2.8	0.5	5.8	4.3	2.2	5.9
Benchmark	2.0	3.0	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.0	-	2.0	2.1	4.7	3.1	1.3	4.0
<b>I / SGD</b>													
Offer-bid	1.8	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	-	-	-	-
Bid-bid	1.8	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	-	-	-	-
Benchmark	2.0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	-	-	-	-	-

### Performance Disclosure:

(p.a.): per annum. Source: Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited. Returns are based in the relevant class currency and computed on bid-bid basis with net income reinvested, if any. Offer-bid is inclusive of sales charge which is subject to changes. Since inception returns for periods less than a year are not annualised. The benchmark for the hedged classes, if any, is also calculated on a hedged basis. From inception to 29-Apr-16, the benchmark was the HSBC Singapore Local Currency All Bond Index. Calendar year returns are based on the relevant class performance for the year, and if the relevant class was incepted during a particular year, the returns shown relate to the performance of that class since its inception to the end of that calendar year. Wef July 2018, the monthly fund and benchmark returns calculated are aligned to the last NAV date of the fund for the month. Past performance information presented is not indicative of future performance.

### Commentary sources

1. Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited

## COMMENTARY

### Market Review

In December, the SGD bond market delivered a 1.96% return, as represented by the Markit iBoxx ALBI Singapore index. Returns were positively-impacted by the decline in yields across the Singapore Government Securities (SGS) yield curve, while SGD corporates underperformed on a widening of credit spreads.

### Fund Review

Month-to-date, the Fund posted a 1.69% return (Class A, bid-bid), underperforming the benchmark's 1.96% return. The corporate bond overweight positioning detracted as credit spreads widened over the month.

Year-to-date, the Fund delivered a 0.46% return (Class A, bid-bid), underperforming the benchmark's 2.13% return. The Fund's overall overweight in corporate bonds was a detractor, as the sector underperformed government bonds in 2018. The off-benchmark allocation to USD-denominated Asian investment-grade corporate bonds (hedged back to the SGD) also detracted, as credit spreads widened more in the Asian USD investment grade segment versus SGD corporates; SGS yields were also been more defensive in 2018, rising less than their US Treasury counterparts.

### Outlook

With a positive economic outlook accompanied by ongoing monetary policy tightening in the US, we expect global rates to rise going forward, albeit in a gradual fashion. The significant adjustments in rates in 2018 should also help to limit further yield increases in the near term, especially given that inflationary pressure still remains benign. Under such an environment, we maintain an overweight to corporate bonds for higher carry; we expect that prevailing corporate bond valuations will continue to be supported by tight supply conditions and strong structural demand, although returns are likely to be driven by interest income rather than further spread tightening. In addition to seeking out attractively-valued USD-denominated corporate bonds in the Asian investment grade segment, we will also be looking closely at selected opportunities within the SGD corporate bond segment, given the more favourable supply-demand conditions in the local SGD bond market.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Investment manager -  
**Eastspring Investments (Singapore) Limited**

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#### Notes:

As announced by the CPF Board in March 2018, for funds offered through the CPF Investment Scheme (CPFIS), sales charge will be removed progressively to reduce the cost of investing for CPFIS members. Refer to <https://www.cpf.gov.sg/members/News/news-categories-info/cpf-changes/2346> for further details (URL link as of March 2018).

#The CPF interest rate for the Ordinary Account (OA) is based on the 12-month fixed deposit and month-end savings rates of the major local banks. Under the CPF Act, the Board pays a minimum interest of 2.5% per annum when this interest formula yields a lower rate. The interest rate for the Special Account (SA) and Medisave Accounts (MA) is pegged to the 12-month average yield of 10-year Singapore Government Securities (10YSGS) plus 1%, or current floor interest rate of 4% per annum, whichever is the higher. The interest rate to be credited to the Retirement Account (RA) will be the weighted average interest of the entire portfolio of Special Government Securities (SSGS) which the RA savings are invested in, which earn a fixed coupon equal to the 12-month average yield of the 10YSGS plus 1% at the point of issuance, or current floor rate of 4% per annum, whichever is the higher. As announced in September 2018, the Government has decided to further extend the 4% floor rate for interest earned on SA, MA and RA monies for another year until 31 December 2019. In addition, the CPF Board will pay an extra interest rate of 1% per annum on the first S\$60,000 of a CPF member's combined balances, including up to S\$20,000 in the OA. Only monies in excess of S\$20,000 in the OA and S\$40,000 in the Special Account can be invested.

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